

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed June 12, 2003, Paper No.

7. The original period for response is a shortened statutory period of one-month from the mailing date of the Official Action making this Response due by July 12, 2003. Accordingly, this reply is considered to be timely filed.

REMARKS

Summary of the Official Action

Claims 1-36 are pending in the present Application. In the Official Action, the Examiner has entered a restriction requirement which requires election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-31, drawn to a composition, classified in class 424, subclass 489.

Group II: Claims 32-36, drawn to a method of producing, classified in class 424, subclass 422.